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## ***Public Meeting to be Held on Jersey City Mobility 2050 Ongoing Transportation Study Seeks Input of Residents***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Department of Housing, Economic Development and Commerce/Division of City Planning announce a **public meeting of Jersey City Mobility 2050** to solicit feedback on a work in progress. The second public meeting will be held at **6 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2009** in the **Anna Cucci Memorial Council Chambers at City Hall, 280 Grove Street**.

The purpose of Jersey City Mobility 2050 is to create an action-oriented transportation master plan for the City's multi-modal transportation network, including light rail, PATH, bus, ferry, bicycle facilities, sidewalks & roadways. The Master Plan will include a vision statement, goals, objectives, and strategies, as well as an action plan to address Jersey City's short-, medium- and long-term transportation needs.

"Jersey City continues to grow and be a magnet for development and investment despite the global economic downturn," said **Mayor Healy**. "It is imperative that we maintain and expand the capacity of our multi-modal transportation system in order to support the quality of life of our residents and foster continuing economic and housing growth in the city."

This second public meeting represents only the latest of a multi-pronged effort to facilitate transparency and public participation in the transportation planning process. The first public meeting provided residents and other stakeholders with the opportunity to voice their ideas for the vision, goals and objectives. Additionally, focus groups were conducted, as well as a mobility survey of residents and workers. Project information, including the proposed vision statement and goals, is posted at <http://www.jerseycitymobility2050.com/>

The City has budgeted \$280,000 for its Transportation Master Plan, also called **Jersey City Mobility 2050**. Grants will cover most of the cost: 72 percent is federally funded by a grant from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA), and 11 percent by a grant from New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority. **The Transportation Master Plan is expected to be completed by Spring 2009.**

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The effort is being spearheaded by the Jersey City Department of Housing Economic Development and Commerce/Division of City Planning. Numerous other experts are serving in a technical advisory capacity, including professional staff from the NJ Department of Transportation, NJ Transit, NJ Turnpike Authority, Port Authority of NY and NJ, NJ Meadowlands Commission, Hudson County, and the Jersey City Division of Engineering, Traffic and Transportation.

The consultant team of T&M Associates, Medina Consultants, Eastland Systems Group, and TechniQuest Corporation were selected by committee in December 2007 following an extensive proposal solicitation process.

Jersey City is approximately 15 square miles with an estimated population of 246,000 and is arguably the fastest growing municipality in New Jersey with one of the highest transit use and non-auto travel patterns in the country. Jersey City is a dense urban environment with a population that is economically, racially and linguistically diverse. It is also home to a complex, multi-modal transportation system that consists of roadway, extensive bus service, the PATH train, the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, an extensive bus network and jitney services, ferry, and bicycle/pedestrian accommodations. Jersey City is also a regional employment center with approximately 14 million square feet of high-quality office space located in downtown Jersey City. The City experiences a significant amount of through traffic to and from Manhattan via the Holland Tunnel in addition to its own local traffic. Also within this environment is a highly complex set of development regulations for over 20 different land use zones and over 70 separate redevelopment areas.

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